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SUBJECT: SAHELIAN DROUGHT AND ERTS PHOTOGRAPHY

REF: BAMAKO 1121

1. WE STRONGLY ENDORSE BAMAKO' S PROPOSAL THAT UNIQUE POSSIBILITIES OR ERTS BE MOBILIZED TO ASSIST HARD- HIT SAHELIAN COUNTRIES IN CAMBATTING DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES OF DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN THIS REGION OF AFRICA. WE WOULD HOWEVER BE INCLINED TO VIEW USE OF ERTS MORE AS A TOOL IN DEVISING AN INTEGRATED, LONGRANGE PROGRAM TO COUNTER EFFECTS OF DESERTIFICATIONS AND INSUFFICIENT RAINFALL IN SAHEL THAN AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR COPING WITH PRESENT EMERGENCY SITUATION.

2. SINCE ERTS IS AN AMERICAN UNDERTAKING PAR EXCELLENCE, AND US IS LEADING PRACTITIONER OF NEW AND REVOLUTIONARY ART OF USING SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPHY AS A GUIDE TO DEVELOPMENT, WE SHARE BAMAKO' S BELIEF IT WOULD BE MOST FITTING THAT US ACTIVELY
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PARTICIPATE IN ANY ANTI- DROUGHT PROGRAM FOR THE BENEFIT OF SAHELIAN AFRICA.

3. SINCE PROBLEMS CREATED BY DESERT ENCROACHMENT AND ARIDITY ARE COMMON TO LARGE NUMBER OF THESE CATTLE- RAISING AND MILLET PRODUCING SAHELIAN COUNTRIES, AND AS BAMAKO RIGHTLY NOTES, NO ONE REGIONAL ORGANIZATION COVERS THEM ALL, WE THINK THAT ACTION BY INTERNATIONAL AGENCY LIKE FAO WOULD BE MORE FEASIBLE THAN SERIES OF BILATERAL SINGLE COUNTRY PROGRAMS RESULTS OF WHICH WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO COORDINATE. PHENOMENA OF ANNUAL FLOW OF NIGER AND SENEGAL RIVER WATERS, FOR EXAMPLE, AND MOVEMENT OR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF HEAD OF CATTLE, ON WHICH ERTS COULD PROVIDE INVALUABLE INFORMATION, ARE ALSO ONES WHICH AFFECT AT LEAST HALF A DOZEN SAHELIAN COUNTRIES.
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